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## Native

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animal that is me  
needs more dimension  
than civilization  
unfree  
in the mass confusion  
lion  
of the arid uplands  
redhawk  
over brindled woodlands  
wingpaint  
and the mythic  
pawprints  
not meant  
to be bat or mole

mine is the beast  
tensing  
in the twilight  
silent  
as the breath behind you  
powerful  
like rolling thunder  
birthright  
of a native  
singer  
long flight  
of a spirit  
drum

mine is the dream  
that haunts wild mountains  
mine is the dancelife  
of winds and shadows  
silent  
as the breath behind you  
powerful  
like the voice  
of thunder

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